

*Amendments to the Claims*

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A method of packaging a single, unused diaper, comprising the steps of:

disposing the single, unused diaper within a substantially air impermeable encasement, the diaper being the only diaper disposed within the encasement;

volumetrically reducing a size of the unused diaper to a size convenient for carriage and storage of the diaper; and

~~disposing the volumetrically reduced diaper within an encasement; and~~

maintaining the volumetrically reduced size of the diaper with the encasement;

wherein the step of maintaining the volumetrically reduced size of the diaper with the encasement includes the step of maintaining the volumetrically reduced size with a pressure differential acting upon the encasement; and

wherein the pressure differential acting upon the encasement is created by forming a vacuum within the encasement and then sealing the encasement.

21. (canceled).

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 20, ~~wherein further comprising the step of volumetrically reducing the size of the diaper to the size convenient for carriage and storage of the diaper comprises the further step of by~~ folding the diaper into a substantially rectangular shape prior to said step of disposing the single, unused diaper within a substantially air impermeable encasement.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim 20, ~~wherein further comprising~~ the step of volumetrically reducing the size of the diaper ~~to the size convenient for carriage and storage of the diaper comprises the further step of~~ by rolling the diaper into a substantially cylindrical shape prior to said step of disposing the single, unused diaper within a substantially air impermeable encasement.

Claims 24-44 (canceled)

45. (new) The method of claim 22, wherein the packaged diaper has three dimensions comprising a width, length, and height, and the sum of two of the three dimensions is less than 10 cm with no single dimension of the three dimensions exceeding 10 cm.
46. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein a pressure within the encasement when sealed is about 5 millibars to about 1 millibar.
47. (new) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of disposing at least one diaper accessory with the diaper within the encasement prior to sealing of the encasement, the diaper accessory being used for changing of a diaper to thereby form a diaper changing kit.
48. (new) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of packaging the sealed encasement, which maintains the volumetrically reduced size of the diaper, with at least one diaper accessory for changing of a diaper to thereby form a diaper changing kit.